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WEATHER.

Oregon, Washington, Idaho,—
Rain.

JEROME'S HARD LUCK.

Harry Thaw, the murderer of Stanford White, has long since ceased to figure as the principal object of popular interest in the great trial his gun and his jealousy set going. The chief honors in his line have fallen to his lovely and foolish young wife, around whom centers the direct and undivided concern of the American public, or so much of it as yields the battle any attention.

This phase of the situation has increased the difficulties of the prosecutor, who is fighting not only the adroit skill and pregnant energies of the defense, but the vast, sympathetic tolerant tendencies of the people who are proverbially gentle in their legal dealings with women, and who unconsciously, and invariably pass from tolerance to open championship. If Thaw's neck is spared; if he receives any mercy at all, it will be because Evelyn Nesbitt Thaw, in her beauty and the brave loyalty of her young wifehood, intervenes to placate the wrath of offended law and the chivalric kindness of an easy-going public.

This makes the work of Mr. Jerome immensely harder, since every step he takes in his sworn and obligatory course of reprisal, must of necessity be waged against this dainty and delicate personality in whom the largeness of popular and sentimental concern is tacitly centered, and which as tacitly resents the extremity and rigor with which he operates. He is fighting a dual battle, and against heavier odds than is generally supposed. He is doing his work well, and well, and in very clean fashion. Luckily the verdict is in the hands of a sharply limited group of citizens and does not lie in those of an over-generous and rather maudlin public.

THE MARRIED SOLDIER.

Expert testimony is at hand from the late wars, unanimously conceding the greater courage and sharper fight-initiative of the married soldier over the unmarried-man-at-arms. The experts go no further than to make the simple declaration of the fact stated. They do not venture into the field of conjecture as to why it is so. They come up with their records from the Boer-War and the Russo Japanese conflict and they hand out the final deduction, leaving the philosopher and the deliver after causes, to discover the discrepancy they have alleged.

They do not tell us that the married man, fresh from the rigors and defeats of a thousand home campaigns, is primed with a desperate purpose to win out in some other battles of life that fall his way; that he cultivating new courage, new method, new predicate with which he may return to the old war camp and reassert himself, or, despairing of this, he is seeking by open, reckless daring, to invite capture, and the modified exigencies of prison life in a foreign land, in preference to returning, at all, to the scenes of his former subjection and effacement; or that his wild braving is but another means to the greater end of an honorable death, rather than the resumption a hopeless, second-fiddle career at home. The married soldier, is, of course, no sentimentalist; he

lights from sheer sense of duty, just as he does the chores around home, because he has to. The unmarried soldier knows nothing of the realities of strife at home or in the field, with love and glory and all the great promises yielded in the name of romance and sentiment fights manfully enough, but upon a plane that does not call for that miraculous courage born of a desire to escape something worse even than the transitory rigors of a field, or sea campaign. He draws no parallels, has but one choice, is actuated by no corporative adjustments; his real engagements are all ahead of him, unknown, untried, and alluring. His married brother knows the best and worst of it all, and fights accordingly.

THE PLIMSOLL MARK.

The finding of the motor schooner Bessie K. bottom up on the Pacific high seas by the City of Pueblo just reporting at Victoria, conveys a hint of the grave danger, being run, daily, all along the coast, by ship-owners, agents and masters, in the excessive overloading of vessels especially in the lumber trade. The Bessie K. is known to have gone to sea with an immense deck load of lumber; the next known fact in her history is that reported at the port of Victoria. No word has been received as yet, as to the fate of her crew of five men. But this may be of secondary consideration. The great grave fact remains that she is in the worst of all conditions of wreckage, drifting about in the path of other ships a menace and a reproach to the greed of the men who loaded her beyond reason.

This country needs a Plimsoll and a Plimsoll code and mark, and needs it desperately. English shippers and commercial people fought it for long years, but right and justice triumphed, and the years are proving the wisdom and mercy of the laws framed and sought for by Plimsoll.

A steamer left this port during the past 48 hours, lumber laden, for San Francisco, with her main-deck scuppers awash, as well as the down-foot of her deck load. The chance may be taken once, too often; and to the layman who protests, honestly and sincerely against the willful playing with the fates upon the high seas, the sneering, contemptuous defiant response of the hazard-taking hazard-making, ship-owner, or master, is no answer at all to the fearful old query of the ages "Am I by brother's keeper?"

These fateful issues usually bring their own solution in time; but it does look as though common sense might anticipate the desperate climaxes that compel the solution.

NAME AND CHARACTER.

In the various steps underway and to be taken for the thorough re-organization of the Astoria Chamber of Commerce, it may be well to study the relative value of names and titles, as applied by that organization. If it is possible to make the name more illustrative, applicable, or fitting, it should be done just as readily as to change its official roster.

That it has been called the "Chamber of Commerce, for years, is no earthly reason for continuing that title, if something else better, more modern, more effective comes up for consideration. Under whatever name it operates, the Astoria commercial agency must be put upon the footing of a club-room, where native and stranger can go for rest, advice, information and an assured touch with all things commercial. It must be open day and night, and have the current conveniences at hand for the common use of its members and guests and the guests must be "for strangers" within the gates of Astoria, who shall need the civic and commercial utilities of the hour.

No hard and fast rules of entrance membership and patronage or meeting, must be allowed to hamper the progressive spirit of the new organization. On the other hand it cannot be a go-as-you-please institution, either. The happy medium will be found in due time, and once applied, the agency will be a wonder of genuine assistance in her development of all that Astoria stands for.

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COST OF INQUIRY

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OTHER WASHINGTON ITEMS

Widow of Indian War Veteran Applies
For Pension After Fifty Years—Need
of Inspecting Exported Apples and
Other Fruit.

WASHINGTON, March 1, 1907.—The investigation by a Senatorial committee into the affair at Brownsville, where it is charged that members of the 25th colored infantry "shot up" up the town, promises to cost the government a pretty penny. The members of this committee have now been prosecuting their inquiry for two weeks and not a scintilla of evidence has been discovered to tend to link the name of any member of the colored regiment with the shooting.

A large number of the former soldiers are yet to be examined, the total number expected at some time or another to come before the committee running up well toward half a hundred. Besides there will be a number of officers of the army and several civilians, citizens of Brownsville. When the mileage, the cost of subsistence and fees of all these witnesses are taken into consideration, the charge against the government will average probably several hundred dollars a day. The indications are that heavy inroads will be made into the \$100,000 contingent fund of the Senate which is at the disposal of the committee.

When an investigation of this sort is under way members of the committee conducting it do not ask in advance what any particular request of a Senator may cost. If a Senator suggested the desirability of examining a witness who for the moment might be in the uttermost parts of the earth, the committee forthwith would send for him and if the personal affairs of a member of the committee prevented him from attending the session, the sitting would be continued until the following day at his suggestion, no matter what the continuance might cost. Senatorial courtesy is a great thing, but it often costs the government a lot of money.

Mrs. Anne Hutson, of Hickman county, Tennessee, is the widow of a soldier of the Black Hawk War that died more than a half a century ago. In some way Mrs. Hutson who is a little behind the times recently heard that "Uncle Sam" was paying pensions to some classes of people. She didn't quite believe all that she heard, so she wrote to Representative Padgett, who represents the district in which she lives and asked him if it were true, that the government were giving away money, and said that if it were, true she would like to have her share.

Mr. Padgett found out that her statements were true. Mrs. Hutson, who is said to be 99 years is poor and he hustled around to start the preliminary steps toward securing the pension. The House committee on pensions has wound up its business for this session and there will not be another meeting before next session. Meanwhile Mr. Padgett will get Mrs. Hutson's papers in proper shape and it is a pretty sure thing that one of the first pension bills to go through the next House will be for the benefit of the aged woman who cannot live to enjoy the pension very long after she gets it.

A movement is now on foot to extend the present very elaborate system of government inspection. Something has been in these letters recently about special agents and government inspectors, but despite Congressional inquiry the demand for them by department heads goes on. It is now pointed out that Canada is driving American fruits and especially apples out of the European market for the Canadian law requires inspection of all fruit shipped abroad. The Americans ship the apples in accordance with the individual ideas of the grower or exporter. The Canadian apples are packed uniformly and the government regulations practically guaranteed that each barrel shall contain fruit as marked.

The original fruit market act of Canada was passed in 1901 and amended in 1906, and requires that the market grade of all fruit must be truthfully indicated on the package. Several penalties are provided for violations of the law. This guarantee has led to the enlargement of the Canadian

fruit to the damage of the Americans. Now our fruit exporters and growers of apples and other fruits for the export trade are beginning to urge the Government inspection in this particular. There is no doubt that Congress will be asked to sanction this additional system of federal inspection.

When Congress adjourns next month the only professional stone cutter who ever served in that body will retire. This member is John T. Hunt, of St. Louis. His district contains the homes of many wealthy St. Louisians, but has been represented frequently in Congress by members representing the labor element. John J. O'Neill, long the chairman of the committee on labor was from this district and was succeeded by "Charley Joy," a lawyer and a republican. Mr. Hunt is well educated although he has worked at his trade for many years. During his term in the House he has taken a lively interest in labor matters, and has been greatly liked and respected by his colleagues, to whom he has appeared as a sincere worker with nothing of the professional agitator in his conduct with regard to political questions.

Given Up to Die.

B. Spiegel, 1204 N. Virginia St., Evansville, Ind., writes: "For over five years I was troubled with kidney and bladder affections which caused me much pain and worry. I lost flesh and was all run down, and a year ago had to abandon work entirely. I had three of the best physicians who did me no good and I was practically given up to die. Foley's Kidney Cure was recommended and the first bottle gave me great relief, and after taking the second bottle I was entirely cured." Why not let it help you? T. F. Laurin, Owl Drug Store.

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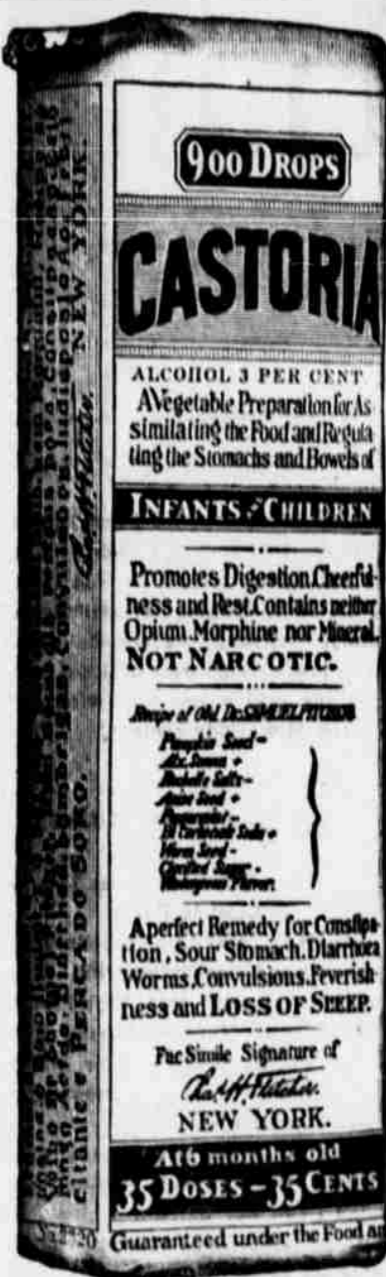
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